(c) the funds earmarked for repair of National Highway No.5 in 1996-97;

(d) whether any proposals have been submitted by Government of Andhra Pradesh in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (e) Central Government has been allocating the funds as a whole to the State and not National Highway-wise. A Sum of Rs. 2842.89 lakhs and Rs. 2825.34 lakhs has been allocated so far to the State of Andhra Pradesh for the year 1995-96, and 1996-97 respectively.

Taking-over of Kabul by Taliban Militia

509. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the take-over of Kabul by Taliban militia;

(b) if so, whether such action will have an impact on India's interests in Afghanistan; and

(c) if so, the measures Government have taken/propose to take to safeguard Indian interests?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) Government have noted the takeover of Kabul by the Taliban militia. Subsequent developments and action in Kabul and in other parts of Afghanistan under Taliban control have raised concerns of their possible effect on Indian interests.

(c) Government remain vigilant to anticipate and counteract any measures directed against the country's interest.

Head post office in Sahibganj in Bihar

510. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for opening a Head Post Office at Sahibganj is pending with Government since 1993;

(b) whether a survey in this regard has also been conducted and survey report submitted to Government in 1993 itself;

(c) whether all the requisite information for opening the Head Post Office at Sahibganj has already been furnished by the Assistant Superintendent, Dumka; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government on the proposal for opening the Head Post Office at Sahibganj and when it is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) to (d) On receipt of representation from the public representatives regarding upgradation of Sahibganj Post Office to Head Post Office, a report was called for from Bihar Circle in 1993. On the basis of the Said report, it has been found that there is no justification for upgradation of Sahibganj PO to HPO as per departmental norms.

Irrigation Projects in Rajasthan

511. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the on-going irrigation projects including the modernisation of irrigation system, particularly the drip system in Rajasthan; and

(b) the details of achievements during 1995-96 and 1996-97 so far?

THE MINISTER WATER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The details of ongoing major, Medium, and Extension/Renovation/Modernisation Projects of Rajasthan are given in the enclosed statement *(see below)*. The details of drip irrigation are not maintained at the Centre.

(b) The target for creation of additional potential during 1995-96 are given in Column No. 8 of the enclosed statement.

The details of Annual plan 1996-97 are not available. Information on achievements is being collected.

Statement

• *Details of on-going Major/Medium and Extension/Renovation/Modernisation Projects of Rajasthan*

(Rs. in Crores) (Thousand Hectares)

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Latest estimated cost	Expenditure Upto March, 1995 (Anticipated)	Outley for 95 96 recommended by Working Group	Ultimate Potential	Potential created up to end of March, 95	Target Potential for 1995-96
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A.	**MAJOR PROJECTS**						
1.	Indira Gandhi Nahar Project (IGNP) Stage-I	363.57	305.82	15.00	629.00	581.46	6.41
2.	IGNP, Stage-II	3398.91 (As per TAC in 696)	963.61	138.00	950.00	356.98	50.28
3.	Mahi Bajaj Sagar Project (a) Unit-I	59.43 (Raj. Share) 324.20	56.30	1.94	12.50	83.66	4.45
	(b) Unit-II (Canals)		243.32	33.06	—	—	—
4.	Jakham	93.50	83.56	7.00	23.50	22.93	0.56
	Gurgaon Canal	35.40	22.19	2.00	28.80	22.77	—
	Narmada (SSP)	548.00	47.27	30.00	73.16	—	—
5.	Sidhmukh Nohar	229.20	71.04	40.00	49.61	—	—
6.	Bilaspur Irrg.	186.92	66.52	17.00	49.90	—	—
7.	Son Kamla Amba	178.81	123.35	26.50	18.79	13.40	3.50
8.	Harischandra Sagar Project	12.25	10.79	—	17.98	17.95	—
B.	**MEDIUM PROJECTS**						
1.	Bhim Sagar	23.21	21.45	—	9.99	9.99	—
2.	Sonkagdar	23.63	22.53	—	4.95	4.75	—
3.	Bilas	18.00	16.61	1.30	5.12	3.37	0.46
4.	Panchana	47.71	38.31	7.00	9.98	4.50	0.50
5.	Sawan Bhadon	25.00	20.24	4.50	5.85	3.20	—
6.	Chappi	47.03	25.73	10.00	7.00	—	—
7.	Parwan Lift	17.95	11.17	3.00	8.18	—	—

C.	**EXTENSION RENOVATION & MODERNISATION PROJECTS**						
1.	Mod of Gang Canal (UA) and Gang Link Canal	250.84	29.51	5.50	—	—	—
2.	Jaisamand (Udaipur)	15.00	5.98	2.00	3.35	3.81	0.40
3.	Gambhiri	16.71	8.10	1.00	4.77	2.10	0.10
4.	Meja	31.62	7.36	0.63	8.69	1.45	0.15
5.	Morel	145.76	2.64	—	2.80	1.30	—
6.	Mashi	2.50	1.57	—	2.00	1.21	—
7.	Gudha	10.50	2.15	—	2.60	1.92	—
8.	Alnia	2.77	1.66	—	1.70	0.65	—
9.	Parwan	2.61	1.23	—	4.42	2.22	—

Construction of Kadwan Dam Project

512. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hon'ble Minister of Water Rsources at the meeting of Bana Sagar Control Board held on 18.8.93 assured that Kadwan Dam will be sanctioned by Central Water Commission, which will pave the way for making adequate water available in the Sone river and which will provide water for Bhojpur and Dumrao sub-canals and because of which Malari Barrage will not be required to be constructed;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this direction; and

(c) the reasons for not constructing Kadwan Dam so far?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No. Sir. During the meeting of Bansagar Control Board held on 18.3.93, it was decided that the pending projects of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar in the Sone Basin will be cleared together as a package taking the availability of water for irrigation as 14.25 MAF.

(b) and (c) Government of Bihar has not submitted revised Detailed Project Report of the Kadwan Dam to Central Water Commission for Techno Economic clearance so far.

गुजरात में राज्य मार्गों का राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों में उन्नयन किया जाना

513. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या गुजरात सरकार ने गत दो वर्षों के दौरान केन्द्रीय सरकार को राज्य के राजमार्गों का राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग में उन्नयन करने संबंधी प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत किया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो केन्द्र सरकार ने कितने कि०मी० राजमार्ग को राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग सं० ४ए और ४बी के रूप में स्वीकृति प्रदान कर दी है;

(ग) अन्य प्रस्तावों के संबंध में क्या निर्णय लिए गए हैं;

(घ) अब तक स्वीकृत राजमार्गों का कितना कार्य पूरा कर लिया गया है; और

(ङ) इन शेष परियोजनाओं संबंधी कार्य कब तक आरंभ कर दिए जाने की संभावना है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री (श्री टी० जी० वेंकटरामन): (क) जी हां।